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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SELVAMANICKAM ET AL.

Examiner

Ram N. Kackar

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2007.
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 26, 28-30 and 32-48 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 26, 28-30 and 32-48 is/are rejected.
 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 48 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In this instance phrase "gas channels being open and unfilled" is neither supported by the specification (new matter) nor understood since gas channel will be normally filled with flowing gas.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 26, 28-30 and 32-48 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lijima et al (2001/0006042) in view of Vaidya et al (US 5076203).**

Lijima et al disclose a process used for making a buffer layer of yttrium stabilized zirconia (YSZ) or MgO for a superconducting film (Abstract and paragraph 71) using ion assist

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(39) and teach cooling and positioning a translating substrate (tape like) which could comprise metal like nickel (Paragraph 59) in a deposition chamber for vacuum deposition (abstract and Fig 3), gas inlet (38), source of deposition material (36), means of delivering the deposition material (ion beam -38), means of translating a substrate (24,25), means of positioning the substrate so that deposition material impinges on the substrate (23).

Lijima et al teach that the measure of biaxial texture is FWHM (full width at half maximum) and that it could be minimum at an incidence angle of 50-60 degrees (paragraph 16,87 and 99). Further Lijma et al disclose various parameters affecting FWHM and disclose it could be below 10 degrees (Fig 13).

Lijima et al do not disclose cooling by injecting gas through gas channels of the substrate block

Vaidya et al disclose a process for cooling and positioning a translating substrate in a deposition chamber for vacuum deposition (Col 1 lines 8-11), gas inlet (Fig 1-17, Fig 6-30), source of deposition material (Fig 6-27), means of delivering the deposition material (electron – beam heater (Col 3 line 35), means of translating a substrate (Fig 6-22) from 0-90 meters per min (Abstract), curved means of positioning the substrate so that deposition material impinges on the substrate (23) whereas the substrate positioning means contains internal liquid coolant channels (23a and 23b) and internal gaseous coolant delivery channels (Fig 6-30, Fig 7-Fig 10 and Col 6 lines 5-68) which could use oxygen or argon to allow the temperature from 0 degrees C upwards.

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Vaidya et al teach that gas introduction between the support and tape improves thermal coupling between the web and the support and reduces the coefficient of friction between the two (Abstract).

Therefore it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to have injecting gas through gas channels of the substrate block for improved thermal coupling and cooling between the web and the support and reduces the coefficient of friction between the two (Abstract).

Regarding the gas channels extending to the first surface, Fig 7 and Fig 9 clearly show gas channels, which extend to the first surface through the pores in the porous material since they allow the flow to reach the first surface.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 2/5/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant's arguments regarding the process benefit from the claimed process are addressed above. Regarding the issue of gas channels extending to the surface of the block the pores do extend the channels to the top of the block.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ram N Kackar whose telephone number is 571 272 1436. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 A.M to 5:P.M.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Parviz Hassanzadeh can be reached on 571 272 1435. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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